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PSC TO HOLD ENERGY ROUNDTABLE

Jefferson City (August 15, 2002)---**Demand Response Programs** and **Mergers** will be the focus of a Missouri Public Service Commission Roundtable on **August 21, 2002, in Jefferson City.**

"Continuing improvements in metering technology and interest in the internet could offer the general public real opportunities for demand response programs in the not too distant future," stated PSC Energy Department Manager Warren Wood. "Discussion will center on demand response program problems and opportunities," said Wood.

The second half of the roundtable will focus on mergers. "Recent events in Missouri and across the country has focused attention on utility mergers," stated Wood. "This portion of the roundtable will explore some of the reasons why mergers take place and the approaches and concerns that regulators take to deal with them."

The roundtable will begin at 1:00 p.m. on August 21, 2002, in the 4th Floor Ballroom of the Governor Office Building (200 Madison) in Jefferson City. Roundtable discussions provide for an open exchange of ideas, opinions and information among various stakeholders. The Demand Response Programs and Mergers Roundtable is scheduled to end at 4:30 p.m.